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Space-age medicine comes to Haliburton

*Patients needn't
travel far to visit
doctor in Toronto*

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The Jetson age has arrived at Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

Beth Archibald showed last Friday how the new \$70,000 telemedicine suite looks and works.

The three television screens, computer, fax machine, two cameras and document scanner do not look like medical equipment but they are essential to a new way of delivering medical care. With a normal television remote control, these machines can link patients with doctors hundreds of kilometres away.

Archibald, the director of community health services, explained to a group of representatives from the Haliburton County Service Providers how the new \$70,000 suite at the Haliburton hospital can be used. The equipment creates an opportunity to communicate via video-conferencing or "telemedicine", allowing patients in Haliburton to meet with specialists and doctors anywhere in Ontario.

Archibald says HHHS chose to join the North Network because it is Canada's largest telemedicine organization. More than 500 physicians and 70 specialists use the system, along with professionals in allied health fields such as dietitians, physical therapists, occupational therapists, psychiatrists, and speech and language pathologists through more than 150 video-conferencing systems.

"Patients used to have to drive to the city prior to a hip replacement, for example, for a doctor to walk in and say 'How's your blood work?' and look at a chart. After a five-minute visit you go home. Now you can do that here," says Archibald.

The equipment enables anyone in the

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Chipping away at winter

Linsey Trotter, a Bwana Johns employee, chops the ice leading to the entrance of the store located along Highland St., during a break in the cold with 12° temperatures on Thursday. The spring-like conditions were brief as snow fell the very next day.

Straw bale building is new home for 4Cs

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Plans are moving ahead for a new 4Cs building beside the Rails End Gallery.

Details were hashed out last week between project partners from Sir Sandford Fleming College, the 4Cs and Dysart et al. The municipality owns the building currently housing the 4Cs, a non-profit group that operates the Lily Ann clothing depot and the food bank on the other side of the Drag River. Councillor Leon Jones says he has wanted to tear down the Drag River Municipal Building for years but the municipality had nowhere else to house the 4Cs.

Ted Brandon, Fleming's operations manager, says the ideal solution became apparent when the college decided to offer a new course on sustainable building centered around straw bale construc-

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Lily Ann volunteers Veronica Rohlmann and June Pockett organize clothing donations brought in Monday, Jan. 17. The cramped quarters at their current location makes organizing a difficult task for the volunteers and they look forward to having a bigger space built for them next to the Rails End Gallery.

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Keswick's first baby has local ties

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news and events worth noting

THE HALIBURTON HOSPITAL has not had its New Year's Baby for 2005 yet, but Haliburton residents Doug and Ruth Mitchell are the proud grandparents of Keswick's New Year's Baby. Their daughter, Krista South, is the mother of 8 lb., 5 oz Georgia, who was born on January 1, 2005 at the Southlake Regional Health Centre. Due on January 11, Georgia had to come into the world a little bit early by Caesarean section. "She looks incredibly like her sister Emma," Krista told the *Georgina Advocate*. "It's like they were twins, just three years apart." Krista, her husband George and two daughters live in Keswick. By the way, don't hold your breath for the New Year's Baby at Haliburton Hospital. With only a half dozen births a year, we sometimes have to wait until April for that joyous occasion.

A dramatic presentation called "Tributes" is being held at the high school on Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. The show has a theme of "character matters" and will feature students and staff of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. There will be a slideshow, music vocals, poetry, spirit squad, comedy, dancing and more along with a coffee house. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Proceeds will help the school sponsor a child affected by the recent tsunami in Southeast Asia.

Comic book fans will get first dibs on a collection of 1980s and late 1970s comics during a sale on Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Haliburton Highlands Learning Centre on Victoria Street between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.. Brenda Harvey, a volunteer tutor and her student Beth Creay have been working for a year now on cataloguing and researching the value of the comics, which were donated to the centre. She says they plan on selling on e-Bay anything that does not sell on Saturday. All proceeds will go back to the centre towards the purchase of learning materials.

Next time you want to say something disparaging about teenagers, think of the 740 teenagers at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School who raised \$7,200 for the tsunami relief fund. They did it in a week and better yet, they did it before the January 11 deadline to have the funds matched by the federal government. That's \$14,400 that will go towards rebuilding the devastated communities. This community should be very proud of these young people.

There was a very nice feature on Alfredo Rico's timber frame houses gracing the front page of the *Globe and Mail's* Real Estate section on January 7. The story explores his love of wood, which dates back to his grandfather's cabinet-making shop in Uruguay. After quitting his job as a statistician at the United Nations' Manhattan headquarters in 1979, Rico moved to Minden to start his own business, Northern Timberhouse. "My heart was always in woodworking," he says. Today his clients can be found all over the world. Congratulations go to him on the recognition of his craftsmanship.

There were three Brogdens taking part in last Saturday's ski races at Glebe Park: Peter and Margaret and their son Jim of Guelph. Unfortunately, we identified Jim as Simpson in one of the photo captions.

Landowners can get help planting trees

Trees Ontario is seeking Northern and Central Ontario landowners who wish to have trees planted on their property during the spring of 2005.

To qualify the area available for planting must be two hectares (roughly 5 acres) or more in size. The Forest 2020 program will focus on planting abandoned and underutilized farmland which has been relatively tree-less for at least the past 12 years.

"Forest 2020 offers qualified landowners an approximately 75 percent reduction in the cost of planting and tending as well as technical support to ensure a successful planting," said Ann Koven of the Trees Ontario Foundation. "Our target is to plant 1200 hectares of land in Ontario this spring, focusing on abandoned or underutilized farmland."

TO with Natural Resources Canada - Canadian Forest Service, Conservation Ontario, the Ontario Forestry Association and other partners have launched the Forest 2020 Plantation Demonstration and Assessment Initiative, a program that provides financial assistance to landowners for tree planting.

The Forest 2020 program was developed to help with Canada's Kyoto Protocol commitment to reduce its Green House Gas (GHG) emissions to 6 percent below 1990 levels by the period between 2008 and 2012. Trees store carbon in their fiber and help reduce GHGs in the environment.

The TO program offer is available to private landowners, and is designed to encourage the planting of trees on underutilized lands at a fraction of the normal costs. The inexpensive planting will be undertaken in exchange for landowners maintaining and managing the trees for at least 15 years.

For more information contact: Anne Koven or James Fieldhouse at the Trees Ontario Foundation toll free number 1-800-387-0790. Additional details can be found at the Trees Ontario Foundation website, www.treesontario.on.ca

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Donors give adopt-a-metre program legs

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

People are paying to walk the walk in Haliburton County.

Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network President Kate Hall says the Head Lake Trail Committee did a great job in putting together an adopt-a-metre flyer. Created by Heather Deveau, the flyer promotes the sale of trail metres as a unique Christmas gift. To date the initiative has generated \$5,100, including the adoption of metres by two corporations.

Metres are sold for \$25 for individuals or per family, and \$100 for businesses/corporations and there are sponsorship opportunities on each of the signature trails.

Hall says the money helped to pave a piece of the Head Lake Trail and another piece will be done in the spring when the area thaws out again. The Head Lake Trail and the IB&O Trail have both been officially launched and continue to

attract support.

The adopt-a-metre program has also raised over \$4,200 for the IB&O Trail.

"The program's a great way for people who use a trail a lot to help with the development of that specific trail. But of course we welcome donations of all kinds," says Hall.

The program also extends to the Rail Trail and the new Forest Heritage Trail near the Hawk Lake log chute. There have been more than \$4,300 raised for the former and \$3,600 for the latter. The two trails will be officially launched this year.

These trails were largely developed through an OSTAR grant that did require the Network to raise matching dollars. Hall says the adopt-a-metre program has been a successful way to meet their fundraising target; however, they still have a way to go.

Anyone interested in more information about adopting a trail or making donations can contact the Trails and Tours Network at 489-4049.

Water Festival will make a splash

Local volunteers are still needed

Thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation and a dedicated group of conservation-minded partners, students throughout the Trillium Lakelands District School Board will have the opportunity to participate in an innovative program encouraging youth to be the stewards of our water resources.

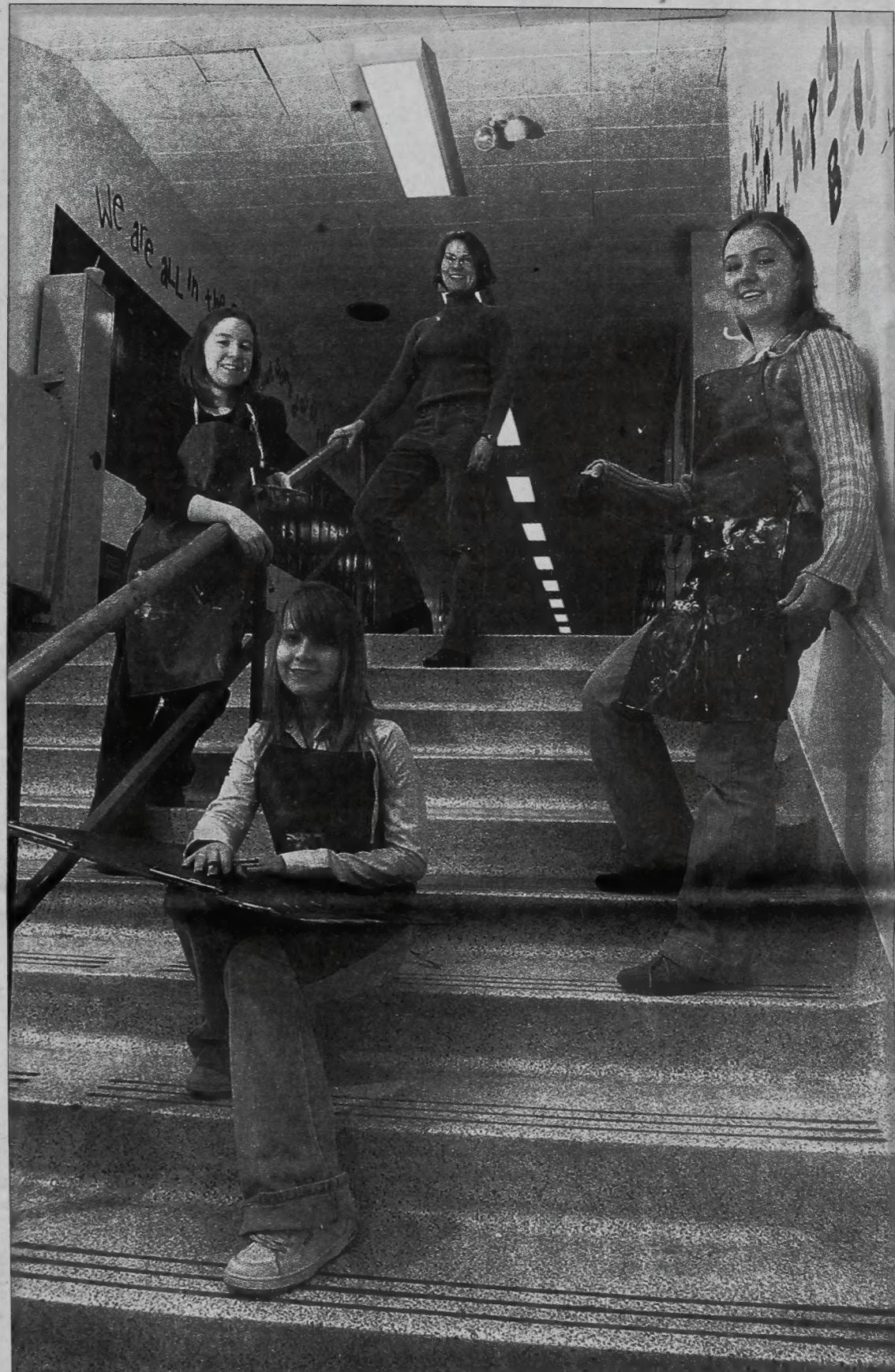
A cheque was awarded to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, lead proponent for a collaboration of partners, in November 2004. The Ontario Trillium Foundation grant for \$25,000 will support the first annual Haliburton - Muskoka Children's Water Festival, to be held at the Kinark Outdoor Centre in Carnarvon from September 28 to 30.

Originally the Leslie M. Frost Centre was to be the host site and overall convener of the festival in the Fall of 2004 with over 1,600 students registered. The program is now proceeding at an alternative location this coming Fall, and the part-

ners are confident that the additional time provided will strengthen and improve the first annual festival.

The program will explore three concepts of water conservation: technology, protection and science. Students in grades 3 through 6 will visit a series of activity centres that are designed to be hands-on, stimulating and fun, while encouraging a further understanding of curriculum linked water concepts.

The Festival Steering Committee is confident that participants will become catalysts for change by taking information and a respect for water back to their school, home and community. Volunteers and sponsors are still needed to support the development and implementation of this program. To become a supporter, or for additional information, please contact Kyla Greenham, Festival Coordinator at (705) 457-9664.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 Visual Arts students Aurora McGinn, Lhisha Bennet and Amanda Crego earned distinction at a recent juried exhibition in Lindsay, taking three out of four possible awards. Their teacher Rose Pearson stands at the back.

HHSS artists win three of four awards at juried exhibition

A local young painter, sketch artist and sculpturist found their place in the sun by capturing the attention of a team of judges during a recent juried exhibition.

From a field of 85 entrants, Aurora McGinn, Lhisha Bennet and Amanda Crego, who are Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 Visual Arts students, won three out of four awards presented in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Regional Secondary School Students' Juried Exhibition.

McGinn won the "Creative

Sense of Balance and Composition" award sponsored by the Trillium Lakelands for her charcoal drawing; Bennet earned the "Technical Skill and Creative Use of Medium in 3-D Form" award sponsored by the President of District 18 for Retired Teachers of Ontario, Robert Ellis, for her copper and wire piece named "Head"; and Crego won the "Interpretation of Personal Vision" award as sponsored by Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation for her acrylic painting named "Empty River".

Aside from the awards the

students also won \$50.

Their work will be on display at the Lindsay Gallery from Jan. 8 to Jan. 29.

There were 85 student pieces from across the school board entered in the juried exhibition.

HHSS entered nine pieces and all of them were judged to be of "high quality" by the panel of judges.

The students are taught by Rose Pearson.

The Lindsay Gallery is on the second floor of the library on Kent Street. Hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 12 to 4 p.m..

Each day a fresh start for Alzheimer caregivers

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

If you remember that you forgot something you don't have Alzheimer disease.

But if you forget what a fork is for, your family should read Marian Ritchie's book about her long journey through her husband's Alzheimer disease.

"I didn't sugar coat anything," she told a small crowd at the fish hatchery on Friday. So brutally honest was she about the five years she spent caring for her husband that she was embarrassed to include some of her experiences.

But include them she did. Ritchie wrote *The Long Way Home: A Journey Through Alzheimer's* to help others, not to gloss over the sometimes terrible realities of the disease for both the patient and the people taking care of them.

Not that the book doesn't have its touches of humour, albeit humour with a hint of sad resignation. Like the time she gave her husband a kiss on the neck as she served him his lunch and when she asked why he seemed surprised by the kiss, he said, "I'm not used to waitresses being so nice."

Or the evening they spent with friends and he regaled everyone with the amazing news that he had inherited a new house with all the furnishings. It was the house he had lived in for 39 years.

The local chapter of the Alzheimer Society invited Ritchie to Haliburton so she could share those experiences – both good and bad – with people who are caring for Alzheimer patients at home or in institutions.

"Knowing is half the battle," she said. "I can face anything as long as I know what

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



Author Marian Ritchie speaks about her book *The Long Way Home: A Journey Through Alzheimer's*

I'm facing."

The word that came up frequently was frustration. Frustration that her husband could no longer think in abstract terms, that everything had to be black or white. Frustration that she couldn't get a minute to herself, even to go to the washroom, because he would always follow her. Frustration that a man who had accomplished so much, who had such an amazing way with words, thought that the zipper in the front of his pants was for a pocket where he could store his handkerchief.

That frustration can be tiring and lead to anger. Sometimes the caregiver will vent that anger, and then feel guilty. It wasn't her husband's fault that he had Alzheimer's, she constantly reminded herself. He was not in control of his actions; the disease was.

But just as Ronald Reagan once said that the good thing about Alzheimer's was that you got to meet new people every day, Ritchie said that each day brought the opportunity to right the wrongs of yesterday.

"My one comfort during those trying and tempestuous times was that tomorrow

he wouldn't remember and I could try again to get it right," she said. "With Alzheimers, each new day is like a fresh day for both the caregiver and the loved one."

"But we must first learn to forgive ourselves for making mistakes. The truth is we're only human. We're already struggling to exhaustion and feeling frustrated."

However, there comes a point where the caregiver simply can't cope any more. Putting her husband in a nursing home was the most agonizing decision she ever had to make.

"The hardest part is letting go," she said. "I was devastated, convinced I had failed him. But I had no other choice and it hurt terribly."

"We must learn to accept this move as just another step. Don't assume all your troubles are over now. This just gives you a whole new set of challenges, but at least you should be able to get more rest to help you cope."

When her husband first moved to the nursing home, she felt she had to be with him every day. And then a flu bug hit the home. No visitors were allowed for three

gruelling weeks. Every day she fretted about how her husband was coping without her. Every day she imagined his distress. Then, when the day came that she could go to see him again, "He didn't even know I hadn't been there."

This realization began the process of letting go. "The pressure was off," she said. "I could still be there for him without being there all the time. You need to find a happy medium; he might not have remembered my visits but he enjoyed them when I was there. They can sense you are someone who cares."

When Ritchie was going through her ordeal there were very few support systems. That's not as true today. She praised the Alzheimer Society – which has endorsed her book – and the services it provides. The trick is to know they're there.

In Haliburton County, there's a Alzheimer Society office in Haliburton, 457-8335, run by Janet Bottum, whose father had the disease. The VON also offers a day respite program where patients get supervised care and their caregivers get some time to themselves. Call 286-6031.



AUDITIONS

Auditions for the Highlands Summer Festival's 2005 season productions will be held Saturday and Sunday January 22 & 23. Audition packages are available at the locations listed below or may be downloaded from the Highlands Summer Festival web site.

Please note: You must register in advance to attend an audition. Registration and audition information, character descriptions and an explanation of the commitment expected of anyone interested in taking part in this season's productions is included in the audition packages. Audition packages can be picked up at:

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The Storeroom
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BACKSTAGE ASSISTANCE

Highlands Summer Festival is also looking for volunteers interested in assisting in a number of back stage functions including set construction and painting, assistant stage management, strike and set crew, ushering and ticket-taking, wardrobe and other areas. Anyone interested in learning more about these opportunities should contact the Producers:

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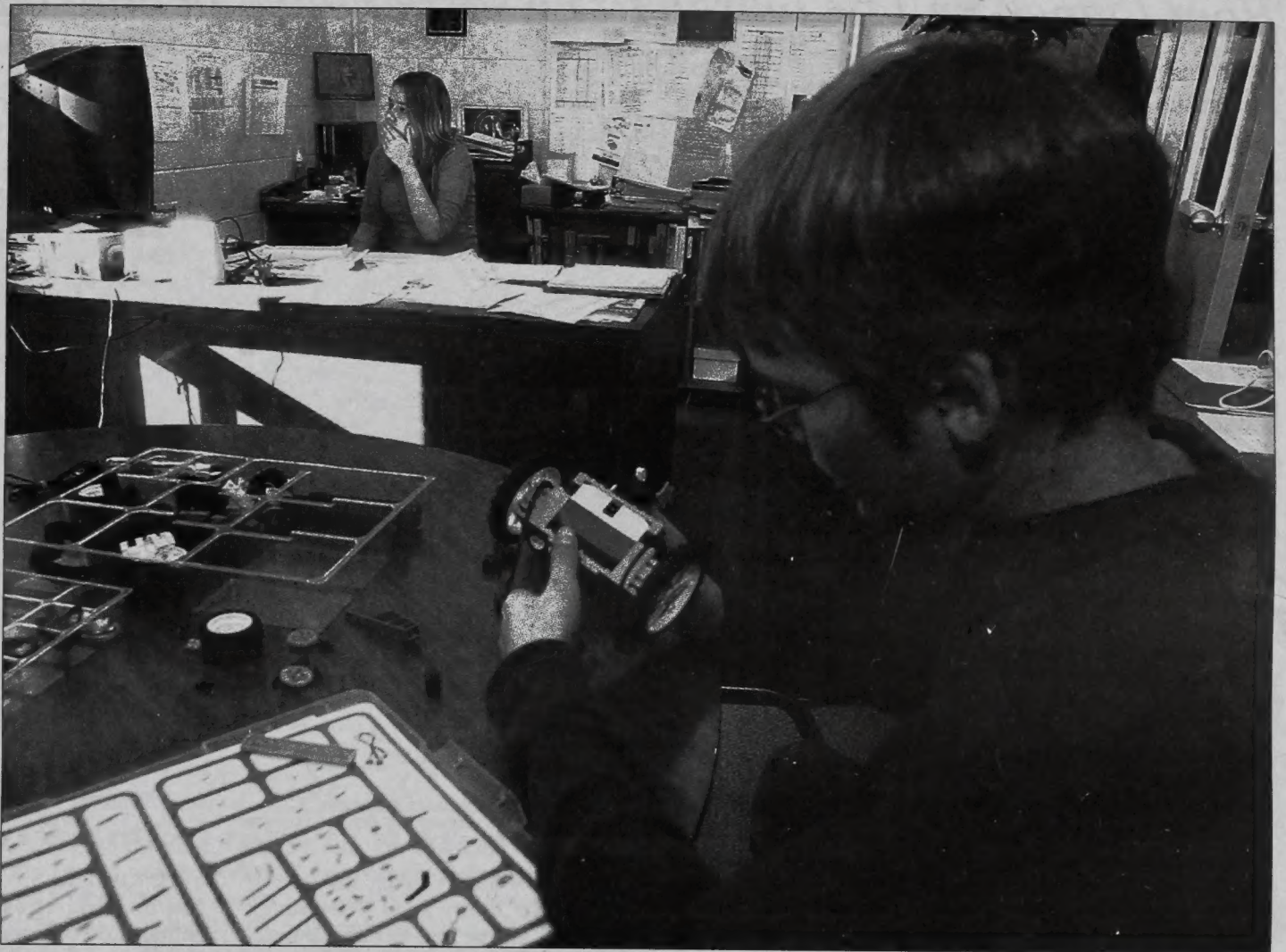
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SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter



DARREN LUM/Echo

A \$17,000 grant from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board ensure that Krista Patterson and Shane Dibblee can continue to learn how to solve problems using robotics.

robot that can be moved via a remote control computer program. The students practise different scenarios in pairs and teams in preparation for a Robofair, part of a provincial robotics challenge. They try to complete as many events and challenges as possible. One is to get the robot to pick up an object, drive it to another location, put it down and return.

It sounds simple but each movement the robot makes, from moving an arm up and down to opening its pincers (hands) has to be programmed using an icon-based system. The students are marked on speed as well as completing the challenge.

Shane says that last year he and his team designed a chassis they are improving and using this year. Krista is getting to know the program and is able to manipulate the robot faster. They are also networking with other students out-

side the school via the Internet to figure out new programs.

"You work with a team to do problem solving. It's a good thing," says Krista.

Shane likes the creative side of the program: being able to design the robots to look like different creatures, for example. The two students are now thinking about the possibility of building and computer programming as careers.

Last year, Shane and Krista were two of 80 students from the school board who participated in the Robofair. The event was co-hosted at the Orillia Square Mall with the Simcoe District School Board.

The Education Network of Ontario, an arm's length government-funded body, was involved with a project in 2001 that helped get the robotics program into 40 different school boards by the end of 2003. The goal was to involve 140 teachers. The aim was to teach students strate-

gies for scientific inquiry and technological design.

Sheila Rhodes, project co-ordinator with the network, says they were very successful in getting schools, outside professionals and students involved. Then the funding ended two years ago. She says since then the robotics program has not grown as they would have liked and some boards have had to cancel their involvement due to finances.

She says the Robofair developed by Trillium Lakelands is a model for other boards. She is hoping other boards and schools will be able to learn from what is happening locally.

Arkwright says they will be working with other teachers to train them in how to teach and coordinate the program.

The students are looking forward to the New Year and another crack at a Robofair.

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Benoir Lake will still have public access

Boat launch will be leased to Dysart et al so people can use it

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Benoir Lake will still have a public beach despite the sale of adjacent property.

Dysart et al council owns a "beautiful lot" on Benoir Lake that has been listed for a sale price of \$175,000, says Councillor Steve Pogue.

No one has been able to tell him when the lot was purchased but he has heard from the community that it was purchased in the '70s to be turned in to a public beach. The property has not been maintained by the municipality.

Next to the property is a 66-foot road allowance, at the end of which is a public beach. There were concerns that the municipality was selling the public beach, which isn't the case.

Pogue says whoever buys the lot will have to put in their own driveway to ensure continued unobstructed public access to the beach.

Meanwhile the public also started using a spot beside the bridge on County Road 10 or Elephant Lake Road as a boat launch. The property is actually owned by a mill across the road.

Pogue said the mill does not want the liability of owning the boat launch but cannot sell it because there is still an out-



The boat launch at Benoir Lake is presently owned by a mill across the road but it will be leased to Dysart.

standing mortgage related to the overall property. The company has agreed to lease the spot to Dysart for five years with an option to purchase for \$2,500 at the end of that period.

Council has committed to making parking improvements and room for a turn-around.

Lyle Donaldson wrote to

council expressing his concern that County Road 10 is promoted on the Internet as a popular motorcycle route and has enough truck traffic to make it dangerous for someone reversing onto the road.

Donaldson is also concerned that this spot launches boats into the main channel of the

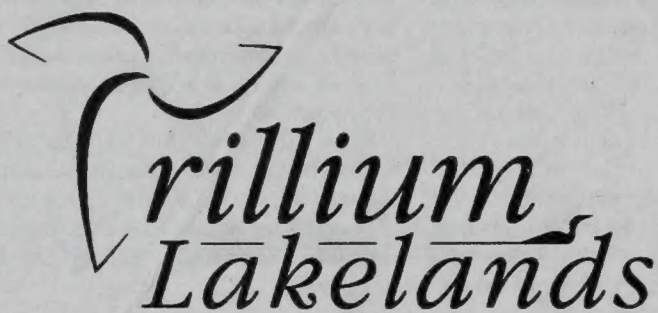
York River where the current can be dangerous. He asked council to consider the Benoir Lake property for a boat launch instead.

Pogue says the Benoir site has not had a boat launch and there is just as much traffic there. He says there are good sightlines on the York River site and it

makes more sense to develop it properly since people are already using it.

Donaldson also wrote that Benoir Lake is saturated with cottages and council should reconsider selling in order to keep the green space. Council decided to proceed with the sale of the property.

Kindergarten Registration



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Register during the week of January 31st to February 4th, 2005 and receive your free registration package. Kindergarten programs operate on an all-day/alternate day basis.

Junior Kindergarten students MUST be 4 years of age by December 31, 2005. Senior Kindergarten students MUST be 5 years of age by December 31, 2005 (*Senior Kindergarten registrations are only for children not currently enrolled in the Junior Kindergarten program*). Please contact the school in your attendance area for further registration details. If you are unable to register your child during the day, contact the school principal to arrange for an evening appointment. School phone numbers may be found on the TLDSB web site www.tlidsb.on.ca

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	Riverside PS	January 26, 2005 7:00 pm
Lindsay:	Leslie Frost PS	January 24, 2005 7:00 pm (raindate - January 26, 2005)

For more information please contact the school in your area. School phone numbers can be found on the TLDSB website at www.tlidsb.on.ca

Registration forms will be available at each location and must be returned to the appropriate school by February 4, 2005.

Potential French Immersion students may register at their local school for JK or they may register for JK at the French Immersion School in their area. After March 31st, registration of out-of-area JK students at French Immersion schools will only be permitted if space is available.

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Archibald says the North Network also takes care of booking all of the meetings, a huge job considering that in order for a doctor and patient to meet, both have to be available, two telemedicine suites have to be available, along with technical support on both ends and a registered nurse on the patient's end.

During Friday's demonstration, Maureen Wilkinson, a regional telehealth coordinator for the North Network, ran through a presentation on how the equipment can be used. She says there are two main uses: practising medicine and education. Archibald says they will be using the suite for both and also making it available to other organizations for a fee. One suggested use was to interview a potential job candidate.

Wilkinson says the North Network is a

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services' Beth Archibald presented the Highlands' new medical tele-conferencing technology to a group of nine people who smiled for the video camera.

non-profit organization funded by various levels of governments, hospitals and professionals. She says most of the telemedicine suites are used to link rural to urban areas.

Wilkinson says one draw back is that OHIP will not pay for doctor to see a patient through the video-conferencing system, so the Network is paying doctors a higher premium. However, she says the government has promised to change that. Another catch is that patients need to be referred to use the suite by a doctor, which may be difficult for patients without a family physician.

Wilkinson says the network's highest percentage of users are psychologists meeting with patients. Archibald says a patient can be set up in the room and then left alone to speak to the doctor so their privacy is ensured.

At the Haliburton site, they are planning to start using the suite for Dr. Gutman, a neurologist in Markham, to meet with patients one afternoon a week. Archibald says he is already meeting Haliburton patients using telemedicine at suites in Barrie and the surrounding area but now they will have a

much shorter distance to travel. They are also planning on using a suite large enough to sit a dozen people so that staff can participate in training conferences and other educational opportunities.

"The quality is pretty impressive. The image (of other person) isn't jumpy, it's real time, very smooth and life like," says Archibald.

The special telemedicine suite is in the former small classroom beside the gift shop in the Haliburton hospital. The suite had to be refitted and equipped with security but changes were minor. Archibald says there will be cost savings from not paying for mileage, conference fees or hotel fees for staff to do training. Less time will be lost, and it will be a huge benefit for patients.

She says ideally they would also like to have a suite at the Minden hospital but they do not have the extra staff or an appropriate room for the suite at this time.

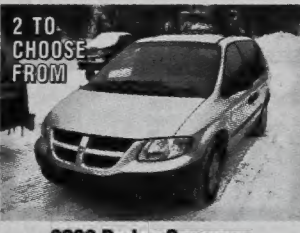
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Everyone in the Highlands has their own story to tell. You drive to a doctor's office a hundred or more kilometres away. Of course it's a weekday, so you probably had to take the time off work. After sitting in the waiting room for half an hour you're called in to see the doctor. Five minutes later, you're done and on your way home again.

With the telehealth suite you just have to drive to the Haliburton hospital. You might still have to sit in the waiting room but your five-minute visit with the specialist is done over a video-conferencing system. You see the doctor, he or she sees you — on a television screen. It's real time, a bit like in all those American spy movies when you see faces pop up on a computer screen. If needed, a nurse can also use other equipment to take a close-up of the patient's skin, or use a special stethoscope which allows the specialist in Toronto to hear a heart attack victim's heartbeat.

Such technology has been used in the far north for years, and with good reason. Their travel problems are much more acute than ours. But still, with winter roads and an aging population, the less time we can spend traveling to five-minute appointments the better.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services isn't the only local organization to embrace technology. When the former school boards in Victoria County (Kawartha Lakes), Haliburton County and Muskoka amalgamated to form the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, staff, trustees and anyone wanting to address the school board had to travel long distances to meetings. The board tried to be fair but still, most of its staff and its population was based in Lindsay, two hours away from Muskoka.

Today, if you wanted to follow the board meetings you don't have to travel to Lindsay, where most meetings are held. As long as you let the local board office know you're coming you can watch the proceedings on a video screen at the Haliburton board office (between the high school and J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School.) It's not perfect but it sure beats leaving a meeting in Lindsay at 9:30 at night. It allows for better democracy, which became more important once Haliburton County was given only one trustee on the board.

More opportunities to improve life in Haliburton County would be available if we had a better broadband infrastructure. The Connect Haliburton project to bring such infrastructure to the county fell through after government funding was withdrawn but the project has been resurrected by some of the project's partners, spearheaded by county council. There is no doubt that we will continue to be denied opportunities for economic development and improved services because of inadequate access to technology. The possibilities for growth — sustainable, low-impact growth — are endless. Just think of this first step of telehealth. It is truly only a first step. When you think of what is available elsewhere, and what we currently have (including the painfully slow dial-up Internet service for anyone who lives outside the main villages), the fascination with a hospital room full of video screens and cameras doesn't seem as miraculous. A good start, maybe, but no where near the finish line.

echo

editorial

martha perkins



Winter rain

Photo by DARREN LUM/ECHO

An open letter to local ice anglers

First off, I'd like to apologize to anyone who fishes on the same lake I do. It was a fine lake before I placed my ice hut on it. Hopefully, after I move my hut off the lake and into the wood pile, the fishing will return to normal. Until then, try not to think too badly of me.

Contrary to popular belief, I didn't mean to ruin the lake by placing my ice hut on it. No sir, I simply hoped that by setting up a warm shack over a place where I've caught scores of fish in previous years and by using the exact same tactics, I might actually catch fish there once again. Now I realize that this was a preposterous idea based solely on logic, local knowledge, experience, and sound planning. Somehow, in the excitement of it all, I forgot that these things have no place in ice fishing.

Despite this cardinal sin, I see no need for you to drum me out of the ice fishing fraternity, as many of you have repeatedly suggested.

In my defence, I must admit that I was absolutely unaware that I was building a mobile fish repulsion centre. It looked just like an ice hut to me; four walls, a sloped roof, a floor with two fishing holes in it, insulation, a bench, and assorted angling paraphernalia. Who knew that its very presence above the lake would make every fish within the watershed lose its appetite for an indefinite period of time?

This being the first and last ice hut I will ever build, I was oblivious to the nuances that made my shack "the world's greatest mobile aquatic conservation centre," as some of you have taken to calling it. By the way, our local biologists dispute this title, going so far as to say that my hut ranks no higher than third in terms of conservation — just behind my fishing boat.

And, in all fairness, I think the local ice fishing community must take some blame for this. For instance, nobody told me that the simple act of

hanging a fry pan on the wall would all but guarantee that I'd never eat pan-fried fish again. Nor did they mention that, by inviting a friend to travel great distances to fish with me for the hut's inaugural weekend, I would awaken a curse only rivalled by those found in the deepest depths of the Great Pyramids — another place where no fish are caught. Not to overstate it, but my lawyer suggests that these things might form the basis of a successful counter suit. But I won't pursue this if the ice fishermen on my lake drop that class-action suit. Hey, I'm a reasonable fellow.

In any case, I am taking measures to remove the curse that plagues my hut. Each time I go in it now, for instance, I threaten to turn it in to a shed if its performance doesn't quickly improve. I already brought in a rake. And I am also planning to have some folk art painted on the frying pan so that the fish understand that its purpose is purely decorative, much like the fishing rods.

In the meantime, I have ascertained that the fish repulsion radius of my hut is roughly one kilometre. Despite your urgings, I

refuse to place caution tape around that perimeter as it is cost-prohibitive. If you fish outside that area, however, I can guarantee that you will hardly notice any untoward angling effects. If I do move the hut, I will provide everyone in the affected areas and travel route with due written notice, as per your demands.

Hopefully, these things will alleviate your immediate concerns. Next year, as requested, I will announce my hut placement prior to the season.

Yours in frigid extremities,
Steve

the not so great



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You never know

WHEN JAKE AWOKE that morning, the first thing he thought was that today was the day. All week he had been looking forward to spending the day snowmobiling with Kate, his wife, and his sister Sue. For Jake, snowmobiling was one of the highlights of his winter weekends.

This particular weekend was going to be more special because Sue was joining them and because his neighbour Bert, who lived here all year round, was going out with them as well. Bert delivered mail, so knew the area well – all the little back roads and the obscure trails were his backyard. He had promised Jake

he'd show them some beautiful country this weekend and Jake intended to hold him to that promise.

There was a fresh dusting of snow from last night's flurries, dressing the trees up prettier than any calendar picture and making the world look soft and safe. The trails were in excellent condition with a good base resulting from the previous week's rain. Jake couldn't believe it when Bert told him the rain would improve the trails because it would pack them



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down but he was right. Bert sure knows his stuff, Jake thought as the four of them glided over hills and around turns with comfortable ease.

Of course they heard nothing but the roar of their machines, but they saw plenty – in addition to the snowy landscape. Blue jays criss-crossed between trees, sharply colourful against so much white. In an open area on the edge of a marsh, Jake saw huge nests stuck at the tops of wobbly-looking old evergreens. He figured they had to be osprey nests but, of course, couldn't tell anyone else to look. There were signs of last week's melt in several places: trailside cracks exposing water several inches below and gushing streams pouring from snowbanks. These they crossed by narrow wooden bridges, wide enough for only one machine at a time.

After a few hours, they stopped for a break. To Jake's surprise, Kate had packed her famous salmon sandwiches and a thermos of coffee. There was enough for everyone to have a taste, even Bert – after some convincing. It felt good to stretch their legs and rotate their backs and shoulders after sitting so long. The sky had clouded over and it was no longer sunny but the temperature had risen and everyone was comfortable and happy, enjoying the outing.

At this point Jake asked Bert if he could recommend any trails and he said he knew of one if they wanted to follow him. It was down a logging road and through some pretty country and they all agreed it sounded like just what they wanted at this point. Something a little different. So off they went.

They turned off the main trail onto a narrower one which climbed a steep hill before descending through stands of white birch and mountain ash, then pines. There were animal tracks everywhere and Bert pointed out what looked like bear dens, partly hidden by overhanging ice. It was a glorious ride and they had it all to themselves. They hadn't seen another snowmobile for about 30 minutes.

Now it was feeling like they should be thinking about heading back and Jake guided his machine up to Bert, getting his attention. They all pulled over and Jake asked if the others were ready to turn around. That's when Bert told them he wasn't exactly sure where they were. Jake was dumbfounded. Bert told them this wasn't the trail he had thought it was and had been trying to get his bearings for the last ten minutes or so. But he didn't think they should turn around because his sense was that was the wrong direction. He thought if they continued a bit farther, they'd probably hit a concession road.

They didn't and eventually turned around, Bert still in the lead. Going around a bend, Sue and Kate's machine slid off the trail and got stuck in deep snow. As they all helped pull it back onto the trail, Jake thought everyone seemed a little quiet, a little nervous now. It grew dark early this time of year and they were lost.

Bert kept leading and, at one point, they were actually following him break trail. Jake had no idea what direction they were travelling because with the overcast sky it was impossible to see where the sun was. Of course, the trail map was no use since they had left the trail. Luckily they still had plenty of gas but they couldn't ride all night when they didn't know where they were going. How long could they keep going, he wondered, before running out. The thought of spending a night outside was frightening. He kept feeling somehow responsible for this mess.

Abruptly Bert held up his hand, indicating they were to stop. Jake couldn't see why – there was nothing on the trail. Bert turned around, took off his helmet and shouted that he knew exactly where they were. Looking hard, Jake made out the side of an old cabin, half falling down beside a huge hemlock. He couldn't remember the last time he had felt so relieved.

As they all scooted out onto the shoulder of a road the other side of the cabin, Jake marvelled at the twists and turns of the day's events. Sometimes, he thought, you never knew when things were unravelling or righting themselves – until it just happened.



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letters to the editor

Everyone should help keep sidewalks safe

To the Editor:

I found the article "Clear the sidewalks, merchants ask council" in the January 11, 2005 edition of the *Echo* timely in its focus on snow and ice removal from sidewalks. With the drastic change in temperatures of recent days, conditions for walking and getting around outside are slippery and certainly pose a hazard to individuals.

I would like to elaborate on your editorial "All that snow," in which it was noted, "it's very important that the sidewalks are as safe and accessible as possible." Not only is it important that snow and ice be removed for purposes of accessing the downtown safely, but it is the general safety issue of preventing fall-related injuries that should concern us all.

The *Echo* article notes that "it costs the municipality \$5,000 every time it clears the sidewalks." What your readers may also be interested in are these statistics:

- it costs Canadians \$3 billion every year on medical care for fall-related injuries among seniors;
- one-third of people aged 65 years and older fall at least once each year;
- falls usually happen because of the combined effects of a number of factors, including loss of balance, side effects of medication, impaired vision or mobility, and environmental factors. Environmental factors include uneven sidewalks,

stairs without handrails, poor lighting and snow/ice on stairs, walkways or sidewalks; and • within the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit area, more than 600 older adults were hospitalized because of a fall in the year 2000.

According to the 2001 census, Haliburton County's total population was slightly more than 15,000 residents. Nearly one-quarter of the local population – an estimated 3,645 residents – were listed as being 65 years of age and older. With such a high seniors population in Haliburton County that is almost twice the rate of Ontario, falls prevention needs to be taken seriously in our community.

I realize that the municipalities are doing what they can to remove snow and ice from sidewalks, but I would also urge every business owner and homeowner in Haliburton County to do their part. By taking the time to clear the sidewalk and area in front of your property, you are doing a valuable service that could prevent someone from suffering a horrible injury from falling.

Falls are preventable and that is something our community should work towards.

Angela Andrews,
Health Promoter,
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District
Health Unit

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Snow removal a tougher job than it sounds

To the Editor:

Re: Snow removal from main streets.

The BIA representatives mentioned in last week's front page article are relatively new to the downtown core and perhaps unaware of the miles of roads that have to be plowed after every major snowfall.

December was an unusually heavy snow month and union restrictions only added to the snow removal task.

In the past two years there have been few school bus cancellations in the Haliburton area; does that tell a story? Do you realize the kind of problems that creates?

Have patience guys. Like the rest of us, they're doing the best they can, and maybe buy another snow shovel – that's cost-effective. Dysart, you are doing a very good job for the manpower and equipment you have.

Art Ouellette,
Haliburton



Clearing the sidewalks in Haliburton village is a non-issue when you can't even get there

To the Editor:

For 31 years, my family and I have spent nearly every weekend, year round, enjoying Haliburton Lake. I always marvelled at how efficient the roads department was, with the roads cleared long before I even awoke in the morning after major storms. That is until recent years, when I noticed the plowing was done later and later in the day.

My wife and I retired to the lake last year, joining an ever-increasing number of year round residents. It is now 9:45 a.m. on January 13 and I had to get into town early today. This is not possible as the road has not been salted and sanded, and is a sheet of ice.

In the January 11 issue of the *Echo*, I read, much to my amazement, that Dysart's union contract with the roads department states that the plowing crew does not start before 7 a.m. That certainly clears up the mystery of why the plowing service has deteriorated in recent years.

I have a suggestion for Reeve Murray Fearrey: first, find out how many people have taken up year round residence around Dysart et al in the last couple of years; secondly, either change the union contract right now, not when the next

contract comes up, but right now; or, thirdly, if the union members won't agree to work when the public's safety is at risk, then contract out road maintenance.

A growing year round population on Haliburton Lake, Percy Lake and the surrounding area have jobs in town, or doctor's appointments or community involvements, including volunteer work, so it is not a matter of a small group of retired seniors being inconvenienced for a few hours from time to time in the winter months.

Clearing the sidewalks in downtown Haliburton is certainly important, but it's a non-issue when you can't even get there.

Winter roads maintenance needs to be a 7/24 service.

John and Judy Skinner,
Haliburton Lake

travel plans yesterday. Some probably took the risk and ventured out, but it seems to me that a union contract, that never should have been negotiated with such a provision as start times for plow crews, takes priority over public safety. If it is a matter of short staff or too many storms back to back for the Dysart et al road crew to handle, then a simple solution is to have part-time drivers recruited from the numerous contractors in the area such as Mitch Stevens or Vince Hammond, or the many other contractors whose drivers are idle in the winter months.

There are easy solutions to providing 24/7 winter road maintenance that will not cost any additional money to get the job done, that should not be thwarted by a handfull of union members who otherwise control the working day and safety of numerous area residents. This situation must be dealt with immediately.

P.S. The sanding truck finally went by the north end of Haliburton Lake at 11:45 a.m. the day after I first wrote this letter. It would have taken another 45 minutes for the driver to complete the sanding up to Percy Lake. This means half a day lost for all the permanent residents from Fort Irwin on north who had

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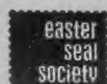


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Plowing and Frost Centre issues would be hysterical if they weren't so darn true

To the Editor:

Usually, I enjoy reading the *Echo*. It is generally interesting, entertaining and free from the murder and mayhem that is so pervasive in large metropolitan newspapers. However, the *Echo's* last issue was different. Two articles made my blood boil. These articles were about government – one local and one provincial – and the focus on cost versus service.

If the subject material had been in Boonieville or *Tales from Vinegar Hill*, I would have been laughing hysterically, but they were not. They were about real incidents involving real bureaucrats and real politicians. I guess the fault was mine for taking the articles so seriously; after all, much of what comes out of Parliament Hill, Queens Park and city hall is as ludicrous as the subject matter in Boonieville and Vinegar Hill (apologies to Charlie Teljeur and Steve Galea). But this was different.

I have always thought that the purpose of government (no matter whether it is federal, provincial, regional or municipal) is to provide services and facilities for its citizens. Governments are not profit-making institutions, since they use taxes, and sometimes user fees, to provide these things. If the services and



This windy, wintry day photo was taken by Darren Lum last year in the Valu-mart parking lot, Haliburton. Snow-clearing in the community has certainly stirred up a few squalls with letter-writers and political types.

facilities are needed then they will be financed.

Costs should be managed carefully to ensure that spending is not wasteful, but costs are not the overriding consideration. Need is always paramount.

These articles destroyed that image.

The first article was entitled "Operating costs led to Frost Centre's demise. Here we were told by a Ministry of Natural Resources assistant deputy minister that operating costs were not sustainable. The government apparently was not concerned with the capital cost of \$2.1 million to upgrade the water system, but it was concerned about an oper-

ating cost that was about one tenth of that amount. Go figure.

Having worked in the provincial government for more than 10 years, I know how the bureaucratic mind works. In order to get ahead one follows procedures (even when the procedures may not be appropriate), does not make waves (by thinking out of the box) and always support the boss (even when he

is wrong).

I can just imagine the conversation in the highest levels at MNR that surrounded the decision to cut the Frost Centre.

"All ministries have been asked to cut back so what do we eliminate?"

"What about the Frost Centre. It's way up in the boonies so no one in Toronto

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MPP's passport clinics attracted big crowds

To the Editor:

Over the past couple of weeks, my staff and I held our first passport clinics in Lindsay, Beaverton and Haliburton. Given that this has never been done before, we didn't really know beforehand what kind of response we would get.

As it turns out, the response was terrific – we had more than 300 people in Lindsay, about 150 in Beaverton and almost 200 in Haliburton.

One of the requirements for a passport is finding a guarantor to sign your application. To be eligible, guarantors must have known the applicant for at least two years and come from an approved list that includes doctors, dentists, lawyers, pharmacists, principals, police officers and postmasters.

One of the unexpected consequences of these large turnouts was that some of the potential guarantors were overwhelmed with passport applicants showing up on their doorsteps on the day our clinic was

held in that community.

On behalf of myself and the passport applicants, I want to thank these guarantors for their patience and time. I hope that your days were not disrupted too much – and I want you to know your efforts were much appreciated.

With more Canadians applying for passports than ever before, I want to make the process as convenient as possible in this large, rural riding – especially for those who live farthest from my Lindsay constituency office. Due to positive response we had this time, I plan to hold more clinics in the coming months. Keep your eye on local newspapers for notices.

Finally, I want to thank Luke Schell from Perfect Prints and Pam Roberts from Photo Solutions for taking the photographs – and my father Doug and wife Ursula for their volunteer help at the Haliburton Legion.

Barry Devolin MP
Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

If bureaucrats wanted to cut costs, they should have cut Queen's Park

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will care and the MPP is a Conservative so the provincial Liberal government won't care."

'What a great idea. All those in favour? Carried.'

'What a great job this is!'

'Now what else can we cut?'

Of course justifying this boneheaded decision is left up to the more junior bureaucrats and they can use whatever means they want, no matter how ludicrous. After all, they must unflinchingly support the boss.

I doubt that there ever was a review of the need for the Frost Centre or a cost benefit analysis of its operation. If there was, then MNR could logically justify the decision to close it. The closure would also have happened after the summer tourist season when user fees outweigh operating costs. That has never happened. Justification has been either half-baked or non-existent. Need and benefit should have been the overriding consideration, not cost. But that wasn't the case.

If the bureaucrats were really interested in cutting costly institutions, they then should start with Queen's Park. The cost of operating, maintaining and refurbishing that pink castle is exorbitant, and the benefit to the taxpayer is questionable. But, that's in Toronto and the politicians get their subsidized meals there, so that idea will never fly.

The second article on muddled political thinking was "Clear the sidewalks, merchants ask council."

Apparently, council members do not realize that we are in Canada and occasionally experience something called snow. They also forgot that the municipality installs and maintains the streets and sidewalks, and therefore is responsible for them.

It does not matter whether it costs \$500, or \$5,000 or \$10,000 each time the streets are cleared. If the need and responsibility is there, then budget for that service and get on with the job. As long as the streets are safe and serviceable, then people will understand and accept it. Therefore cost (as long as it is properly managed) is not a consideration.

The town did not install or maintain the parking lots at IGA, valu-mart, Haliburton Lumber or Emmerson Lumber and therefore bears no responsibility to clear those lots. So don't use them as a comparison.

Bill Davis is right when he says that you cannot control the amount of snow that falls. I know that this may be a shock, but someone should tell council that you can also not control when the snow will fall. It will not start falling after 7 a.m. and stop falling before 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Therefore, you have to set up the services to work with what nature gives. If it means that plows should be out at 4 a.m. or 11 p.m., then so be it.

The volunteer firemen and ambulance drivers don't delay their services until a certain hour from Monday to Friday. They react to the need, no matter what the time. So should the road crews. If union contracts do not provide for that needed flexibility then either ensure that the next contract makes that provision or contract out the whole service to private companies. The status quo is not acceptable.

Perhaps it is too much to ask that logic be a prime requirement for politicians and bureaucrats and that needed service always trumps cost. I hope not.

Dennis Choptiany,
Koshlong Lake

Way to go, teens!

To the Editor:

Re: Teens raise \$1,000 a day for tsunami relief

What an uplifting story for the front page of our local newspaper. I'd like to congratulate all the students and teachers at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School who participated in this worthy fundraising project. To have accomplished so much in so little time was phenomenal.

The act of reaching out to total strangers on the other side of the world speaks volumes to the kindness, generosity and caring of our youth. All of you have done yourselves, your school and community proud. On behalf of all of our community I extend congratulations and thanks for a job well done. You all deserve a huge pat on the back.

Frank Thom,
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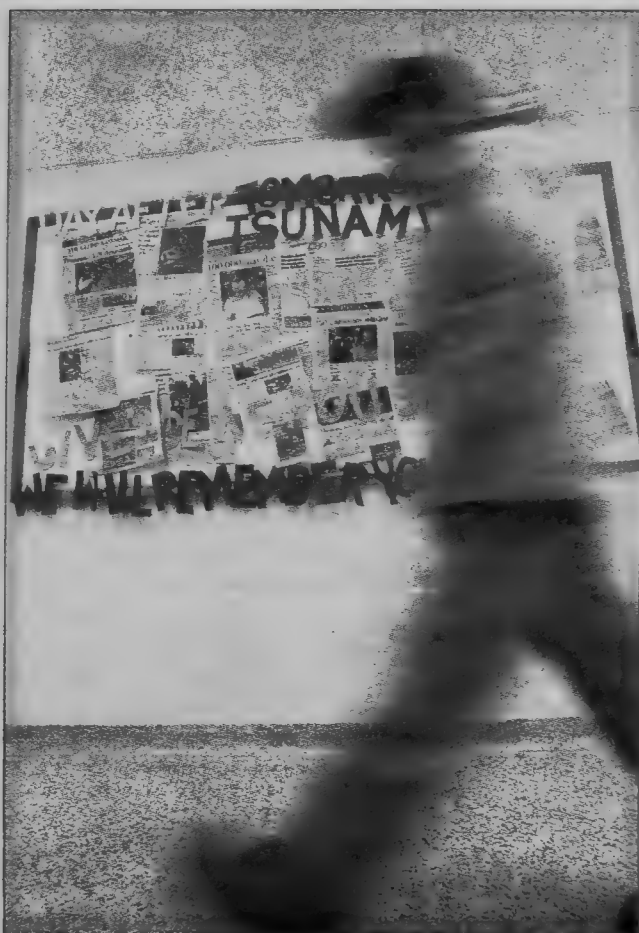
Straw house isn't the stuff of fairy tales

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tion. The college wants students to get hands-on experience erecting a building and hoped it could be someplace central so it could be a showpiece for the environmentally-friendly practices the students would be learning in the new course.

The students, with the direction of teacher Chris Magwood, will be constructing the 4Cs' new home out of straw.

Magwood presented rough drawings last week.



In step with the world

A HHSS student walks by a hallway bulletin board full of news clippings on the tsunamis disaster that affected more than 12 countries in south east Asia. The high school raised several thousand dollars in a week.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said that the approximately 1,200 square foot building Magwood is proposing will cost more than the \$70,000 the council had originally budgeted. The 4Cs has agreed to pick up the additional material costs. The students will be providing free labour.

Ted Scholtes, a 4Cs director, says the board's concept for a new building was a very simple square space with a removable sliding door to separate the Lily Ann from the food bank. Depending on the season, they usually use less space for the food bank than they need year-round for the Lily Ann.

Magwood's draft design took in some of their other requests and is a bit more detailed. He drew two 22-by-30 square foot areas with two separate doors that Scholtes asked to be revamped so the Lily Ann would be bigger. Magwood created a drop box that would be open to the public on an outside wall and accessible from an inside sorting room. He also put in a small four-by-four feet fitting room on the Lily Ann side. Magwood designed a large display window for this side of the building.

On the food bank side the windows are higher to provide light while ensuring privacy inside. He put in a delivery side door, an office for interviewing clients in and a mechanical room that could be viewed through a window from the outside so people interested in how the building was constructed could read signs about its design.

He put a washroom on the back wall that could be accessed by either side. He says this would allow for

future changes to the building. The centre offices and walls would not be load-bearing; should the 4Cs move out or change the interior, could be easily modified.

Scholtes suggested Magwood take out closets he had proposed and move the fitting room to the back wall along with a lockable storage area in order to create a hallway between the two spaces. Scholtes says that would allow them to use the food bank area as a Lily Ann sale area when it was needed.

Magwood's course is starting in April and they are pushing the envelope with the size of the building but he is confident that as long as it is not made any larger the students will be able to complete it. Magwood explained that the straw bale walls are covered with a plaster finish that is very durable and is not flammable. He says the company he works with has had no problems insuring straw bale buildings.

Fearrey says some people may be concerned that the new building will take up parking space but the seven spots they lose will be made up in front of the Rails End, now that it's been moved back from the road. Space used by the existing 4Cs will be converted to parkland.

Fearrey says the new building, which has a pitched roof to match the Rails End, is going to look great and save dramatically on heating costs. Scholtes says the revenue they will be able to make by properly displaying clothing and merchandising at the Lily Ann will make the 4Cs more sustainable.

Jones is excited to see the food bank stay in the centre of the village where the people who need it most can easily get to it.

Plan Inspection Algonquin Park Forest 2005-2025 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) and the Algonquin Park Local Citizen's Committee wish to advise the public that the 2005-2025 forest management plan for the Algonquin Park Forest has been completed and approved.

The forest management plan outlines the long-term strategic direction for the management of the forest, and the details of harvest, renewal and tending operations and access road locations for the first five-year term 2005-2010.

This notice advises the public of a formal opportunity to examine the MNR-approved forest management plan prior to its implementation. The MNR-approved plan will be available for public inspection during normal office hours (and, by appointment, during non-business hours) for a period of 30 days from January 19 to February 17, 2005 at each of the following locations:

MNR - Algonquin North Office
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Tel.: 613-732-5550
Attn: Joe Yaraskavitch, R.P.F.

MNR Southern Regional Office
300 Water Street, P.O. Box 700
Peterborough, ON K9J 8M5
Tel.: 705-789-9647, ext. 30
Attn: Roger Davison, R.P.F.

MNR Algonquin Park
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Tel.: 613-637-2780, ext. 244
Attn: Jim Murphy

MNR Natural Resources Information Centre
Room M1-73 MacDonald Block
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Toronto, ON M7A 2C1
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Attn: Nora Borgs

AFA Huntsville Office
222 Main Street West
Huntsville, ON P1H 1Y1
Tel.: 705-755-3219
Attn: Gord Cumming, R.P.F.

A summary of the MNR-approved forest management plan may be obtained from the office of the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) or the ministry's Algonquin North Office (see addresses above).

In addition, the MNR-approved plan may also be viewed in Ottawa at the following location during normal library hours:

Ottawa Public Library, Ottawa Room - 3rd Floor
120 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, ON K1P 5M2
Tel.: 613-236-0301, ext. 254. Fax: 613-236-0732
Attn: Brian Silcoff, Librarian

During the thirty (30) day review period from January 19 to February 17, 2005 the public may make a written request to the Minister of Environment for an individual environmental assessment of specific proposed forest management activities in the forest management plan.

The planning team for the forest management plan consists of the following people:

John Winters, Parks Superintendent and District Manager, MNR, Chair
Gordon Cumming, R.P.F., Chief Forester, AFA, Plan Author
Joe Yaraskavitch, R.P.F., Park Forester, MNR
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The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting comments and information regarding this forest management plan under the authority of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act to assist in making decisions and determining further public consultation needs. Comments and opinions will be kept on file for use during the operating term of the forest management plan, and may be included in documentation which is made available for public review.

Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987), personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources as public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For further information regarding this Act, please contact Kevin Hein at 613-637-2780, ext. 201.

For further information on the forest management planning process, information relating to the preparation of this forest management plan, or background information about the Algonquin Park Forest, please contact any of the following individuals during normal office hours:

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Owner of Sharpley Sports Glen Sharpley was busy stocking his walls with snowshoes. After selling much of his stock Sharpley received a new order on Friday.

Crazy for snowshoes

Desire for an age-old winter sport skyrocketing

Stories by Martha Perkins

Margaret Brogden is one of the county's most avid recreational cross-country skiers but these days it's not long, skinny skis she's strapping to her boots. What she's wearing out in the woods looks more like a beaver's tail.

Until she undergoes knee surgery, the retired outdoor enthusiast is happy to go for a walk through the woods wearing snowshoes. And she's not alone. Although she's been exploring the Highlands with snowshoes strapped to her boots for years, snowshoeing has been gaining in popularity these past few years, thanks to newer, lighter snowshoes and people's quest to get more active.



Margaret Brogden

"It's just skyrocketed," says Wigamog's innkeeper, Maria Micallef.

Last year Wigamog helped open a two-kilometre snowshoeing trail between the Lake Kashagawigamog resort and the Delta Pinestone. Micallef bought eight pairs of snowshoes. This past Christmas she had to buy eight more sets and this year's budget includes snowshoes for children.

"It's a family thing," she says.

Most guests are snowshoeing for the first time but vow it won't be their last. "They go out and it's exhilarating and they come back feeling totally rejuvenated," she says. (Granted, they also like the après-snowshoe reward of sitting by the fire with hot chocolate.)

"It's exercise, it's fresh air, it's out in nature and it's not as athletic as skiing," says Harry Baker, the director of golf and property at Delta Pinestone.

As Brogden says, if you can walk you can snowshoe. This makes the sport appealing to retirees who want to be active in winter but don't yet feel ready to tackle the ski trails.

Brogden leads a snowshoeing group

every Tuesday. Last Tuesday, Susan Peters, who is not quite a senior, tried it for the first time.

"It was a glorious day and a great way to be outside," says Peters. "It was amazing. It was nice to get acquainted with other people, it was relaxing and you could go at your own pace."

One of the women in the group was 79, "so there's hope for me yet," says Peters.

She took up snowshoeing as part of her goal to quit smoking. Although she did sneak one cigarette while the rest of the group snowshoed to the summit of a hill, she didn't crave a cigarette all through the "lovely lunch" that followed afterwards at the Delta Pinestone. "I had no desire

whatsoever," she said, "so for me it's working."

"There's no question that snowshoeing is not as tough on you," says Glen Sharpley, the owner of Sharpley's Source for Sports. "You can stand and stare at the birds."

Yet it's not just the novice outdoor enthusiast who's embracing winter on snowshoes. And forget about the rustic coureur de bois look. With new designs and lightweight materials, snowshoes are also popular with Spandex-clad athletes who can be seen jogging along the trails.

Sharpley says that, along with cottagers who want to explore their property and get off the beaten track, people who work in the bush, such as loggers and Hydro workers, are also feeding the new demand for snowshoes.

"Guys who make a living in the bush can't get out there right now because it's too slippery," he says. "If you wanted to do anything outdoors last week, a lightweight aluminum snowshoe made it happen."

An investment in snowshoes gives forest workers access to the deep bush that they wouldn't have otherwise.

A good pair of snowshoes is an investment. Sharpley's retail prices are between \$139 and \$299 but that includes having them properly sized with the right bindings, which he says is very important. There are nine models and it's essential to know how to strap yourself in safely, he says.

(You can also rent snowshoes from such places as Sharpley's and Delta Pinestone. Peters hopes that as snowshoeing attracts more enthusiasts, more second-hand models will become available. She'd like to start a snowshoe exchange.)

But apart from a pair of lightweight boots, that's the only investment you have to make.

Some models also include crampons that make it easier for the serious snowshoer to traverse inclines. Websites on snowshoeing often include what many would think of as extreme snowshoeing – exploring back-country mountains for days at a time.

"The new models are zero maintenance," Sharpley says of one of the reasons more people are willing to try snowshoeing. "When the old ones got wet, you had to shellac them. And the new ones are not nearly as wide so they're not as cumbersome."

"There are a lot of people who have never had snowshoes before who are buying them."

If you think you'd like to join this new crowd in the woods, the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network is hosting a workshop on snowshoeing on February 5 at Bark Lake. The morning will be spent in an in-class session and the afternoon will be out in the snow. Lunch is included.

The cost is \$50 for Trails and Tours members and \$65 for non-members. Call 489-4049 to sign up.

But conflict has developed between nordic skiers and snowshoers over trail rights

Snowshoers take note: a snowshoe trail is not a cross country ski trail by another name.

Cross country skiers do not appreciate seeing the tell-tale beaver tracks of snowshoes on their trails. There's a safety concern – snowshoes can create deep ruts that can catch a skier in motion – but also a liability issue.

The local Nordic trail system has insurance for skiers only and is not covered if any snowshoer uses the trail either inadvertently or on purpose.

"Insurance is certainly an issue," says Dan Gage, president of Haliburton Nordic Trails Association and a member of the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network executive. "We carry insurance for skiers and skiers only. Another problem is that our land use agreements for property owners mention skiers only."

As to ruts, the new Glebe Park snowshoe trail had to be closed after snowshoers left the new snowshoe trail and went on the ski trails. The snow was soft and the snowshoes left deep ruts – right before the first major ski competition of the season. The groomers had to work double duty to try to fill in the ruts and make it safe. On most trails the ruts won't disappear until there's a major snowfall.

"It's a very big hazard; if someone comes down a hill and hits a rut it can be very dangerous," Gage says.

Insurance and ruts are also the reason why Moosewood Trail near Eagle Lake is not open to snowshoers.

"It can really throw you off balance if you hit a rut," says Kit Pizzey, one of the volunteers who manage Moosewoods' cross country trails.

The Nordic association has put dozens of signs up on the trails but can't safeguard every metre of trail, especially since some snowshoers will be coming

See **Stay off** page 14

Follow these trails to find snowshoe fun

The danger of setting out on your own, of course, is getting lost or trespassing on private property, so snowshoers are advised to take all the safety precautions.

Description: These trails take you to wonderful vistas around Charcoal Lake. Please check in at the main office when you arrive - you may also inquire about the use of a limited number of snowshoes. **Directions:** Parking and trail access are available at the Nordic Inn – just 1 km north of Dorset on Hwy 35.

Want to learn more? Join the Trails & Tours Network for one of two introductory snowshoeing workshops on Saturday, February 5th at Bark Lake Leadership Centre or Saturday, February 26th at YMCA – Camp Wanakita. Each workshop provides instruction on basic technique with an opportunity to put your new skills to the test out on the trails.

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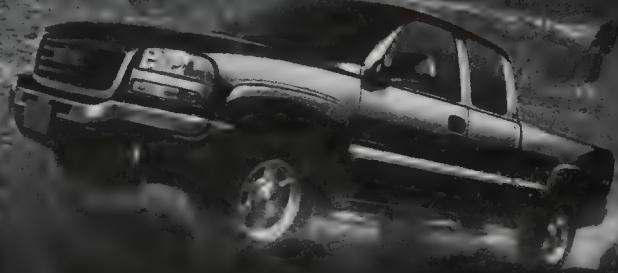
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The Red Hawk Wrestling team travelled to Cobourg on January 12 to compete at the first tournament of the new year. Competitors had their first experience wrestling full six-minute bouts at this tournament, testing their endurance and match strategy.

HHSS wrestlers rose to the occasion with 17 wrestlers ranking in the top three of their respective weight classes.

Top finishes

Gold Medalists: Jeff Griffin, Kalem Kyle, Josh Mayhew, Dave Balaski, Andy Cooper

Silver Medalists: Tristan Ellis, Brad Brown, Kaila Grech, Jackie Grech, Rebecca Ide, Jordan Brown, Paul Loney, Jordan Collins, Trevor Guyton

Bronze Medalists: Josh Mannell, Chris Bryan, Gary Griffin



Top: Kalem Kyle pins his opponent on his way to a gold medal at the tournament.

Above: Jackie Grech beats her opponent with a head-and-arm pin.

Left: Gary Griffin grapples with team mate Kyle Evans

Above left: Jeff Griffin finishes a double-leg attack on his way to a gold medal. Griffin continues to improve during the season to become a serious contender in the 134 lb. weight class.

Highlands Squash Club bounces back with *Echo* posting

The Haliburton County Echo is bringing more squash players to the village of Haliburton.

Immediately following the newspaper's publication of physical activities in the Highlands area The Highlands Squash Club President Glen Carter said they received several inquiries regarding membership.

Retired Haliburton resident Kirk Biljetina was one of those callers and received her first instruction from Carter on Tuesday (Jan. 11) last week.

The five-year resident is a first time squash player and spent last winter swimming at a local resort. This year she wanted to do something different and a little cheaper. She used to play badminton, but is willing to try squash. Fun is the key she added.

"I'm not here to win a tournament," Biljetina said.

With other activities such as curling the Haliburton resident found the available hours appealing to her schedule.

"I supply teach so I like activities where I

can work around it," she said.

Biljetina is hoping to convince her husband to play despite his involvement with skiing and bowling.

Memberships are \$50 a year. The club also offers racquet ball since it is easier for beginners to play.

Carter is happy with the renewed interest. However he has no intention of bringing the club back to the height of its popularity as it was in the 80s and 90s when there were more than 100 members.

Having people enjoy squash and to

become athletic is number one he said.

He adds he wants to "save the courts so they don't get changed into something else".

The squash club is operating until March and is offering free introduction lessons. Carter recently discovered a cache of raquets during a recent cleaning of the old club's lockers.

"We got more racquets to shake a stick at," he said.

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The Haliburton Curling Club draws curlers to its house

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HALIBURTON CURLING CLUB NEWS

The winter draws are up and running as of January 3 thanks to the drawmasters Gary Thorpe, Bev Martin, Norma McCoy, and Brian Murison who looks after the senior draws. Also, thanks go out to Bill Hare for his assistance with the big job of putting the teams together and setting the schedules. John Watson also deserves special thanks for the super ice conditions.

On Wednesday, January 5 Haliburton hosted the 4 Town Men's Bonspiel with two teams each from Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Minden and Haliburton. Bobcaygeon teams came first and second. The two Minden teams came third and fourth. Okay Haliburton where were you?

On Wednesday, January 12 at the 4 Town Women's Bonspiel in Bobcaygeon the Haliburton club team of Emily LaRue as skip, Glenda Wakely as vice, Mary Jane Dillon, second, and Ariel Campbell as lead won the event. Sandra Anderson also skipped a team in this bonspiel.

Wednesday, January 12 Bill McCoy was the convenor of the 4 Town Mixed Bonspiel and the winners were for the first draw, representing Haliburton, were Del Watson as skip, Ab Morrow vice, Hilda Attridge as second and lead Lorraine Virgin. Second place went to the Cheryl Murdoch from Minden. Third place to Haliburton's Lou Sedore as skip, Beryl Rasmus as vice, Jim Walters second and lead Irene Houtby.

The winners for the second draw was Don Pflug from Minden first, Joan Davies of Minden second, and Haliburton's team of Brian Murison as skip, Pat Norman as vice, Mary Ellen Sheridan as second and lead Bryce Blair third. Congratulations to all the winners.

A special two-tiered clinic was held last Tuesday at the club to help both new and experienced curlers. Thanks go to John Lindsay, Art Cook and Bill McCoy for their coaching on the ice.

Wayne Hussey is busy getting ready for the 44th annual Skyline Men's Invitational Spiel being played in Haliburton on January 21, 22 and 23rd. There are a total of 32 teams entered into this competitive bonspiel with 25 teams from out of town. This is just the start of some very exciting curling at our club for the next two months.

Good curling.

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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: February 14th, 2005
TIME: any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of original road allowances, allowances for road or shoreline road allowances, located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

1. Applicants: Cox
Location: - Kashagawigamog Lake
• Shoreline Road Allowance
• Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 5, Concession 5, Township of Dysart.
• Defined as Parts 6 and 7 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
2. Applicants: Mawdsley
Location: - Kawagama Lake (Dennison Island)
• Shoreline Road Allowance
• Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 1, Concession 14, Township of Havelock.
• Defined as Parts 2 and 3 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Coote, Hiley, Jemmett Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
3. Applicants: Wilms
Location: - Kashagawigamog Lake
• Shoreline Road Allowance
• Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 5, Concession 5, Township of Dysart.
• Defined as Parts 5 and 7 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 13th day of January, 2005.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Township Planner

Youth can get away from it all

A youth retreat is being organized on the weekend of Feb. 4, 5 and 6. Call Jane Johnson at 457-1715 or Sylvia Claridge here at Guilford at 754-1193 for details, or pick up information packages from Laura Stouffer. Call Audrey Fountain t 754-2447 for information about the lunch at Stanhope Firehall on second Monday of the

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month.
Potluck supper happens on Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. at St. George's for all of the congregation, for-

mer and present.
How would you like to participate in "Songs for Dollars" to raise funds for the Tsunami victims? So many of you have talents in music. Give me a call if you would consider performing solo, instrumentally or vocally or as part of chorus or band. Donations large or small would be accepted at the door.

Students can get help online

Getting help with a difficult math problem just before the Grade 9 standardized math test can be easy – just go online. The Independent Learning Centre's (ILC) Ask a Teacher chat room is a free service that gives students access to teachers, and can help them prepare for the test being administered January 5th through 25th across Ontario. Students can visit www.ilc.org

and join the Ask a Teacher chat to connect with certified teachers and receive one-on-one tutorial help in real time. By using text and a virtual whiteboard, students and teachers communicate using diagrams and graphics. The service is available year round and offers tutoring in all subjects for students in Grade 9 through 12 between 5:30 and 9:30 p.m. Sunday to Thursday.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Tuesday, the 8th day of February, 2005**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 10, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2 and 3 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated October 6, 2004. (Parts 3 being the flooded portion, is to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall than and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

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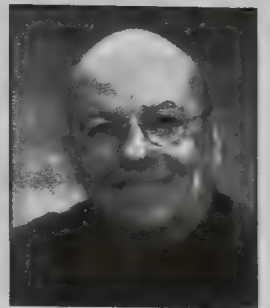
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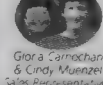
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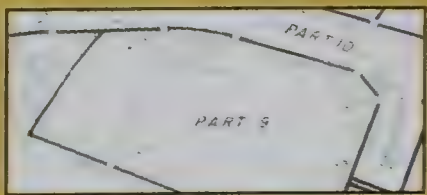
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CANOE fm riding waves of growth

I received a telephone call the other day requesting that I consider coming to a meeting regarding a project a number of shareholders were interested in taking on. I hung up the phone and thought about the number of other calls I have received in the past that were so similar to this one. I thought about a call I received a little over one year ago and the subsequent meeting I attended on January 7, 2004. The agenda included a welcome from Dave Sovereign and the outline of a proposed radio program called "Women, Weeds and Wisdom". The concept of the program was to provide information and entertainment directed toward our mature audience, yet acceptable and interesting to many other listeners as well. The program was to contain interviews with various representatives of many of the local agencies, information items, several public service announcements and lots of music. I was hooked.

Just a couple of years ago, CANOE was one man's "dream", an "island in the sky". That man was Don Cameron.

Don was listening to a radio show one day, while working in his shop, when he overheard an interview with a man who had started his own radio show and how that show grew and grew. The seed was planted. He went to Dave Sovereign who had more than 40 years of radio experience and ran his idea by Dave. Soon they were gathering volunteers, becoming incorporated as the Haliburton County Community Radio Association, fundraising and applying for a licence to the Canadian Radio and Television-Telecommunications Commission (CRTC). On February 10, 2003, the

CRTC approved the application for a community FM station in Haliburton.

Transmitters, antenna, transmission, transforming the old Haliburton Hospital into a professional broadcast facility, control room and tower site at Eagle Lake became the hype of 2002 for the volunteers actively working toward a target date of spring 2003 to get CANOE on the air.

Mission accomplished; \$130,000 was raised through donations, dances and various other fundraising initiatives and a Trillium grant of \$25,000. More than 100 volunteers put in their all and CANOE hit the airwaves on July 8, 2003. On Friday, September 26, 2003, Canoe had its official launch with its first song appropriately being "The Impossible Dream".

harcourt

Valerie Smith
448-3640

What makes CANOE 100.9 FM unique? It is a non-profit and completely volunteer radio station where the programming reflects the people of the County of Haliburton. All of CANOE's programming comes to you by community volunteers who bring a wide variety of music, knowledge, and expertise to the listening area. CANOE listeners get to hear daily news, current affairs and events, interviews with community leaders and service clubs, public service announcements (PSAs), social issue discussions and local concert information.

CANOE's volunteer pool includes many community members from all walks of life. The volunteers are a valuable resource not only because they contribute to the sustainability of the station but also because they keep the station in touch with the community they serve and provide a unique opportunity for the community to participate



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The headphones might have been a bit big on four-year-old Rachel, but that didn't stop her from being interviewed by her grandmother, Harcourt correspondent Val Smith.

in the radio station. All the volunteers at CANOE have a great time - as well as benefiting from being a part of the community-oriented station. Volunteering is a great way to gain hands-on experience in different aspects of radio - as an announcer, as a technical assistant or as a behind-the-scenes worker as a receptionist or fundraiser.

As a volunteer at CANOE, I have gained valuable experience and achieved great personal growth. My husband Mel values and enjoys the technical experience he has gained. Guests on CANOE take pleasure from the experience of radio as they talk about the passions in their lives.

The programmers present a variety of programs and there are large contingents of volunteers behind the scenes

including reception, administration and fundraising. Mainstream stations generally attempt to cater to everyone's taste at the same time. But CANOE radio is much more diverse, often reflecting the tastes and ideas of the people who actually host the program. This specialized music programming means that each style of music has its own time slot.

CANOE is homegrown, hands-on and interactive. No matter where you travel, you'll be hard-pressed to find the range of voices, terrific variety of music, information, children's programming and heart and soul you hear on CANOE each day.

Don't Forget Harcourt Community Centre continues to offer:

See Harcourt page 2



Rick Mercer

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Community excited about annual Robbie Burns dinner

What a pleasant yet competitive group of people assembled at the Wilberforce Curling Club on January 14 and 15. Mixed teams of men and women from the Minden, Haliburton and Wilberforce Clubs each played three games. Some excellent plays as well as a few lucky ones were enjoyed by players and spectators.

Taking first place at the end of the bonspiel was the team of Ron Barr, skip with Cheryl Smillie, Fred Houtby and Irene Houtby. In second place was the Jack Taylor team from Minden with Winn Taylor, Audrey Robson and Tina Murdock – all playing well.

A Wilberforce team of Roy Cann skip, Nancy Gadoway, Stew Garland and Cathy Garland placed third. Also out of the Wilberforce Club was the fourth place team of Ted Wallis skip, Karen Wallis, Cathy Agnew and Sally Stirling. Members of the Blaine Lewis team, Tammy Vaughan, Karen Haze and Bob Saunders placed fifth.

Always welcome at this spiel was the sixth place

Harcourt offers winter escape

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January 19 - 7:30 p.m. Bingo. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

January 20 - 7:30 p.m. Progressive Euchre. For more information call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

February 11 - 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. Saint Valentine pre-teen Dance. All children ages 7 years to 16 years of age are welcome. Cost \$3.00. Please remember parents are always welcome and volunteers to help with the dances are appreciated.

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

team from Minden skipped by Zelda Cooper with Murray Cooper, Karen Collis and Sue Ripley.

The Jack Cox team out of Minden and the DeGraves team of Haliburton and two other Wilberforce teams also all played well and had a good time.

After a delicious supper, convenor Melanie Lewis emceed the awards time. All players won prizes. The first place team was first up to choose their rewards from a fine array of prizes. And every curler up to the 10th place team was expected to tell a story.

Many thanks to all who helped make this a good bonspiel. Without the club volunteers, the donors of prizes, and fun-loving curlers these games would never be so enjoyable. Thanks to Melanie for convening the show. Special thanks to Elois Somerville for the great luncheon soup, and for cooking up such great ham and scalloped potatoes for dinner. The Club thanks all who made this bonspiel a success.

Auditions for parts in this season's Loop Troupe's plays will be held on Wed. Jan. 19 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Parts are available for

girls and women who can play teenagers, and women of various ages. If you are interested and absolutely can't make it on Wednesday call Hilda at 448-2018 or Shirley at 448-1518 soon and tell us of your interest. One play is a farce, the other a more serious drama. Should be fun.

People are looking forward to the annual Robbie Burns dinner celebrating the Scottish poet's life. It's on Saturday, January 29, 2005 at the Wilberforce Legion. Always a good meal served by the Ladies Auxiliary. Call the Legion for info on tickets.

The Wilberforce school newsletter shares information about the activities going on there this term. The Book Fair in November was very successful. They were able to buy \$350 worth of new books for the library. Three parents are thanked for their dedicated work in checking for head lice. With their consistent efforts and parent's diligent efforts there have been very few cases at the school.

Kindergarten registration for the 2005-2006 school year takes place the week of January 31 to February 4, 2005.

The Chess Club for Gr. 3 to 6 students starts soon. Skating is booked at the arena for all classes. Curling lessons for the Grade 5/6 class starts the third week in January and continues once a week until Winter break.

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Sounds like a good place to go to school for interesting activities to top off the core subjects.

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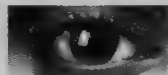
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The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al intends to consider, and if deemed to be advisable, to pass a by-law to authorize the conveyance of land, at their regular meeting on February 14th, 2005.

The property that is the subject of the proposed by-law is located in Part of Lot 5, Concession 1 in the Township of Guilford and is further described as Part of Block A, Plan 591, Parts 1 and 2, Plan 19R-7833.

The parcel is located on the Camp Towhee Road. Public Access to Hurricane Lake will be maintained.

Further details on the proposed by-law are available at the Municipal Office during regular office hours. Written comments are to be directed to the Planning Department and will be received at the Municipal office until closing of Wednesday February 9th, 2005.

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 18th day of January 2005.

Patricia E. Martin, B.E.S., M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
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(Applicant - BECKETT)

IN THE MATTER OF THE *MUNICIPAL ACT* AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposed to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Tuesday, the 8th day of February, 2005**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 16, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2, 3 and 4 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated October 18, 2004. (Parts 3 and 4 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 11th day of January, 2005.

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CURRENT EVENTS

- **Jan. 19:** Big Buck Bid Euchre – Come join us for some fun at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441, Kinmount, Ontario. Held the third Wednesday of the Month. Hope to see you soon. For info. call Alice 488-3271.
- **Jan. 19:** Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists – Presentation by Donald Smith on World Bat Diversity of form, diet, and size. See, handle, and examine specimens. Wed., Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.
- **Jan. 19:** Red Hatter Matter – Hats up all "Red Hats of Haliburton County". Luncheon time will be 1:30 p.m., location changed to Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant, Maple St., Haliburton. For info. call "The Purple Call Girl", 754-4957.
- **Jan. 20:** Haliburton Legion 50+ Club – welcomes you to join us at our next meeting. This month will be a pot-luck supper followed by our annual fun filled auction. We ask that you bring your favourite food for eating and your oldie but goodie items for the auction. Doors open 4:30 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m. New members or guests welcome. Please let Ruth or Jim know if you are attending by Tues., Jan. 18th, 457-2124.
- **Jan. 22:** CANCELLED – The Stanhope Winter Fun Day originally scheduled for Saturday, January 22 has been cancelled.
- **Jan. 24:** Congregational Pot Luck at St. George's Anglican Church Haliburton, at 6 p.m. Guest speaker Ellie MacNeil, her experience in Nicaragua.
- **Jan. 25:** Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild invites all fibre artists (weavers, rug hookers, knitters, etc.) to join them for a drop-in work session at Club 35 at Hall's Lake. Bring a project to work on and a brown bag lunch. Share ideas and friendships. Small admission. Everyone welcome.
- **Jan. 27:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton. Thurs. Jan. 27, 10 a.m. - Noon. Caring with Confidence being held at Haliburton Home Support office. Please call 457-2941 to register.
- **Jan. 27 & Feb. 17:** Lindsay – Palliative Care Victoria is offering grief support for younger women who are coping with the death of a husband or partner. Two drop in groups are planned followed by an eight week evening group. The drop in groups are set for Jan. 27 and Feb. 17 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. with the eight week group beginning March 3. All meetings are held at 112 McLaughlin Rd. in Lindsay. "This will be a place where women under the age of 50 can come together and just be themselves", says Karen Anderson, Bereavement Coordinator. For more info., call Palliative Care Victoria at (705) 324-2811. There is no charge for our services.
- **Jan. 29:** Ice Climbing at Medeba Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre – The Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network has once again partnered with outdoor centres to present a series of winter workshops. Each workshop runs from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Includes lunch and all the gear you'll need for the day. Space for all workshops is limited so be sure to register in advance, 489-4049.
- **Feb. 5:** Snowshoeing at Bark Lake Leadership Centre – The Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network has once again partnered with outdoor centres to present a series of winter workshops. Each workshop runs from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Includes lunch and all the gear you'll need for the day. Space for all workshops is limited so be sure to register in advance, 489-4049.
- **Feb. 12:** Lugging at Redstone River Luge Club – The Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network has once again partnered with outdoor centres to present a series of winter workshops. Each workshop runs from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Includes lunch and all the gear you'll need for the day. Space for all workshops is limited so be sure to register in advance, 489-4049.
- **Feb. 13:** The Highlands Male Chorus presents "A Winter Interlude" a choral performance featuring a variety of music and music styles. Sun., Feb. 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Pavilion in the High School in Haliburton. Tickets are available at Kitchens Etcetera in Haliburton and PharmaSave Drug Store in Minden. All seats are reserved.

ON GOING EVENTS

- **Anyone interested** in or affiliated with mental health services are invited to join the Advisory Committee to Mental Health in Haliburton County. Send a letter of interest to: HHMSAC, Nominating Committee, Box 539, Minden, Ont. K0M 2K0 or call 286-4575 for more info.
- **Royal Canadian Legion**, Branch 636, Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., except for the months of January and February.
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- **Haliburton Seniors Club** meet every Thursday at noon at the Haliburton Legion, Br. 129. Sandwiches and goodies. Every 2nd Thursday is Potluck.
- **The Ontario Early Years Centres** in Haliburton and in Minden will now be open Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drop-in for crafts, circle time and fun activities for children ages 0-6. Free toy and book lending library. Call 286-1770 or 457-2989 for more information.

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Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

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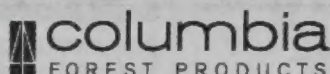
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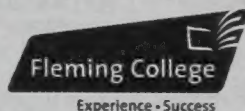
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AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Executor for the Estate being John McNeil, shall have notice.

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The family of **WENDELL SEDGWICK** would like to thank the people of Gelert, Minden and the wider Haliburton area for your kindness and support in the wake of his death on Dec. 11. Your cards, flowers, in-memoriam donations, and of course casseroles, were a real comfort. Many people took the time to share happy or touching memories they have of Wendell, and that meant a great deal to us. It was community in the truest sense, and we will always be grateful.

450 IN MEMORIAM

BLAIR, HARRY/EMILY - In loving memory of my parents Harry - June 18, 1969 and Emily - Jan. 17, 1987. Gone are the days we used to share, But in our hearts you are always there. The gates of memory will never close, We miss you more than anyone knows. We who loved you never forget. Lovingly remembered by the Family.

BRYANT, ROGER - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle who passed away January 17/03. Nothing can ever take away The love a heart holds dear. Fond memories linger every day, Remembrance keeps him near. Always remembered by **Shirley and Tom, Andrea and Bryan and Brandon.**

CLARK, CATHERINE, MABLE, MAY - 1893-1984. In memory of my mother who died Jan. 20, 1984. Those we hold most dear Never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they showed. The comfort they shared And the love they brought Into our lives. Remembered daily with love, **Hilda.**

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MATHEWS, ROBBIN LEE - In loving memory of our daughter Robbin. June 5, 1959 - Jan. 19, 2004. You suffered much in silence Your spirit did not bend You faced your pain with courage Until the very end. You tried so hard to stay with us Our loss became your gain, God took you in his loving arms And freed you from all pain. It isn't what we write or even what we say, It's what we feel within our hearts As we think of you today. There is always a face before us, A voice we would love to hear, Your smile we will always remember Of one we loved so dear. We hold you in our dreams at night, We think of you at dawn Then we have to tell ourself That you are really gone. When evening shadows are falling And we sit at home alone To our hearts there comes a longing, If only you could come home. Our wish will never be granted, Or our fondest dreams come true But Robbin we will always hold A special spot for you. Forever loved and missed dearly **Dad and Mom.**

STEVENS, DOREEN - In memory of our loving mother and grandmother Doreen Stevens who left us so suddenly January 15, 2004. If roses grow in heaven, Lord. Please pick a bunch for us. Place them in our mother's arms And tell her they're from us. Tell her that we love her. And when she turns with a smile Place a kiss upon her cheek, Lord And hold her for awhile. **Elwood, Janet, Evelyn, Raymond, Bernice, Colin and Crystal.**

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SUTHERLAND, HOWARD - In memory of our friend who passed away January 15, 2004. Gone but not forgotten. Remembered by **Roger Dart and family.**

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST DAVID KENNEDY BROWN

Passed away suddenly at the **Peterborough Civic Hospital** on Sunday, January 9, 2005 At the age of 44.

Beloved son of Margaret and her husband the late Claude Brown of Minden. Dear father of Darrin Brown of Minden. Loving brother of Barbara (Joe de Mora) of Kingston, Cameron of Markham, Laurie Brown (Casey Cox) of Minden, Greg (Cathy Shilton) of Australia. Loving uncle of Sarah, Kimberley and Kyle. Fondly remembered by his family and friends. Dave was a long time employee of Hydro One, Forestry Division. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to the Minden United Church for a Memorial Service on Friday, January 14, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Reception followed at the church (downstairs). Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Minden United Church would be appreciated by the family.

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**AT REST
OTTO SCHUSTER**
Passed away peacefully at the **Haliburton Hospital** on Sunday, January 16, 2005 at the age of 95.

Beloved husband of the late Margaret, dear father of Eva Sherman, Martin Schuster, Hans Schuster and the late Brigitte. Loving grandfather of 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Otto led a full life as a Commissioner in post World War II helping many refugees relocate and then working in a Psychiatric Hospital as an Occupational Therapist. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Tuesday, January 18, 2005 from 2-4 p.m. Spring Interment at St. Peter's Cemetery, Maple Lake. Memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. The family would like to thank Margaret Poole, Mickey Bonham, the staff at Hyland Crest and the Haliburton Hospital for all their care and compassion to Otto.

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108 acres estate property w/beautiful meadows, ponds, creek, mature trees & great hiking & cross country trails. Over 3000 sq ft this home features a LR/DR, huge kitchen w/bar & counter sink, main fl. FR & Mst w/2pc ensuite. Lge rec rm over garage. Screened sun-porch, drilled well, 2 yr old roof & oil fired FA boiler heat system.

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This unique property set back in total privacy on quiet bay of famous Redstone, boasts 33.33 acres, year round 24/7 sounds of waterfall. This architecturally designed home has nearly 4000 sq feet of luxurious living space, incl an amazing kitchen, 3 full baths, 3 BR, 360 degrees wrap around covered deck +++ many extras.

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Level waterfront lot with a year round waterfront cottage/home featuring a full basement, forced air oil heating system, large deck, insulated guest cottage, storage building and much more. Private 1.8 acre property. Immediate possession. Asking \$269,500. Call Bill Kulas to book an appointment to view at 705-286-2911 ext. #44.

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Executive style 3 BR home w/over 2400 sq ft of living space, attached & detached garages, full finished basement, brick f/p, master BR w/ensuite. A must see!
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Charming Chalet style cottage overlooking Little Kennis incl. lge cabin near the lk. Terraced Algonquin style property w/a separately deeded lot incl in the 1.25 acres, having 211 ft of flat rock southern frntg. Finished 3 levels. Guest area & rec rm on lower level w/addl 2 pce bath. Loft BR overlooking living rm & free standing fireplace. Approx. 1200 sq ft of living space.

\$ 399,700



LITTLE REDSTONE LAKE

New custom built, 470 ft frntg & 8 ac. Exceptional privacy & a variety of terrain, w/both sand beach & deep water frntg. 3000 sq ft bldg w/addl living space in full partially finished basement. Canac custom kitchen, upper & lower stone t/p, master suite with walk in closet & ultra ensuite incl jacuzzi, main fl laundry, hardwood flr, & open loft for studio or reading rm. By appl. only.

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A great opportunity, thriving business with a great income and excellent Hwy. #35 location in Minden.
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Karen Nimigon*
457-1011 ext. 224

MOORE FALLS

4-Season W/F home/cottage! move in and enjoy, main level w/oak flrs, 2 bdrm, mstr w/Ensuite & WI closet, lrg LR w/FP, kitchen w/Elmira stove, skylights, wood walls, 3 baths, den, W/O bsmt w/2 bdrms, games-lam rm, 3 lake chain, sandy beach area, snowmobile trails nearby. Call Karen 457-1011 ext. 224.

\$339,900



4-SEASON FUN!

Turn key, fully winterized 2 bdrm cottage w/pine walls & floors, open concept kit/DR, large LR w/stone fireplace. 350 sq ft BUNKIE, 170' sand + rock shoreline. 3 lake chain, private nicely treed 1.1 acre lot. Call Karen today @ 457-1011 ext. 224.

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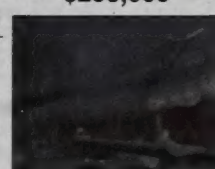


Tom* & Gail Tempest*
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PRIVACY PLUS

This home boasts 1400 sq ft of main floor living space with a full unfinished walkout basement. Situated on 100 acres, no road noise, wildlife galore and beautiful surroundings. Well built raised bungalow, hardwood-ceramic floors. Wrap around 3 sided porch. Call for all the details today.

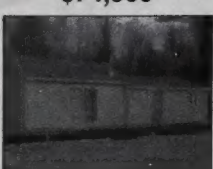
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MILBURN ROAD

Cute as a button year round home or four season cottage. Steps to Drag River, Crown Land & major snowmobile trail, modern kitchen, loads of pine. Shows pride of ownership. Move-in condition. Call for all the details today.

\$74,900



Victor Disik*
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START HERE

Very warm & clean 2 BR home on over an acre with easy access to lakes, trails & town. Large out building for storage or workshop. Ask for Victor Disik.

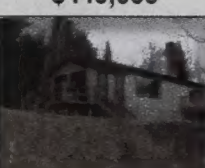
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EVERYTHING A LAND BARON SHOULD HAVE

Over 400 acres. Two - 2 car garages, a 3 BR, 1320 sq ft dwelling w/a full basement, granite, fireplace & sunroom, oil heat & air conditioned, also backs onto about 2000 acres of Crown Land. Ask for Victor Disik.

\$449,000



Vince Duchene**
457-1011

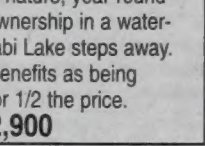
EXCELLENT & AFFORDABLE

Building lots very close and within walking distance of a gorgeous public park between 2 lakes - Big and Little Glamor. Almost waterfront.

\$14,900

MISKWABI BACK LOT

1 acre lot, level in nature, year-round access and part ownership in a waterfront lot on Miskwabi Lake steps away. - All the same benefits as being on the lake for 1/2 the price.
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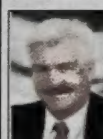
Lenor Fulton*
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MAIN STREET MINDEN

Are you looking to start a business in Minden? This Main St. location has many possibilities. It boasts a 3 bedroom apartment upstairs with a separate entrance. This cute as a button store is zoned C-1.

Look no further and call Tracy or Lenor.

\$173,000

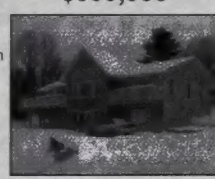


Ted Vasey*
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HALIBURTON EMMERSON COURT

Outstanding executive home with features that include spacious oak kitchen, living rm with cathedral ceilings, sun porch off dining rm, FP in family rm, MBR ensuite, 4 bedrooms, oak floors, attached garage, beautiful view over Head lake, access & dock at lake, a must see!

\$399,900



3 LAKE CHAIN

Miles of boating on Redstone Lake. Spotless custom-built cedar home/cottage, open bright kitchen with island & dining area, w/o living rm w/cathedral ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 24'x28' finished garage & open finished loft, very private setting, sand shoreline.

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Melanie Vigrass*
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TWELVE MILE LAKE

Enjoy year-round lakefront living at this custom-built 3 BR/4 bath home. Exceptional features include; fireplace, walk-outs to deck, walk-out basement, attachd dble. garage, sand beach & western exposure. Call Melanie for a personal tour.
\$499,000



Linda Beachli**
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PINE STREET

2700 sq. ft., 4 bdrm., architecturally designed, timber sided country home. Open concept with great room, dining room & kitchen flowing around the large stone 2 storey fireplace. Cedar deck balcony off upstairs bdrm.

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HWY #118

This property is situated on 6.7 acres on Hwy. 118. The 9894 sq. ft. building consists of 6213 sq. ft. for parts & service, a 2116 sq. ft. mezzanine, a 3 bdrm apt. and a large parking lot.

\$579,000



COUNTY ROAD 1

High profile location opposite hospital and new medical clinic. This expansive 1400 sq. ft. home & double car garage is situated on 7 acres of property that has a special mixed zoning use.

\$400,000



COMMERCIAL

Prime 3.5 acres on a high traffic corner lot. Large bright 1500 sq. ft. bungalow with a huge 8000 sq. ft. storage barn & a separate 28'x40' garage. Zoned CH.

\$359,000



Peter Brady**
457-1011